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In the Claims:

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1. (Canceled).

2. (Currently amended) The carrier of Claim ~~1~~ 5 wherein the handle comprises an elongated aperture positioned along the outer periphery of the panel.

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3. (Currently amended) The carrier of Claim ~~1~~ 5 wherein the panel includes one or more cutouts.

4. (Currently amended) The carrier of Claim ~~1~~ 5 wherein the panel further includes an adhesive label positioned on the panel.

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5 (Currently amended) ~~The carrier of Claim 1~~ A carrier constructed of a planar sheet of a flexible plastic material for carrying a plurality of containers, the carrier comprising:

a plurality of container receiving openings arranged in a single longitudinal row;

a panel extending transversely from the single longitudinal row; and

a handle positioned along an outer periphery of the panel, wherein the handle is positioned in the panel so that when the handle is lifted, the panel is inverted.

6. (Currently amended) The carrier of Claim 1 5 further comprising a line of weakness positioned between the panel and the longitudinal row of container receiving openings.

7. (Currently amended) The carrier of Claim 1 5 including at least two attachment points at each edge, the at least two attachment points for connection with adjacent carriers on a spool.

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(8) (Currently amended) A package of a plurality of containers comprising:

a planar sheet of a flexible plastic material having a plurality of container receiving openings arranged in a longitudinal row, each container receiving opening engaging a container;

a panel extending transversely and downwardly from the longitudinal row of container receiving openings; and

a handle comprising an aperture positioned along an outer periphery of the panel so that when the package is lifted, the panel inverts upwardly and at least partially against the containers so that the containers are carried at an angle between approximately 30° and 75° with respect to horizontal.


9. (Original) The package of Claim 8 wherein the handle comprises an elongated aperture positioned along the outer periphery of the panel.

10. (Original) The package of Claim 8 wherein the plurality of containers are bottles and the container receiving openings are positioned on the bottles so that the bottles are carried at an angle between approximately 45° and 60° with respect to horizontal.

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11. (Original) The package of Claim 8 further comprising a line of weakness positioned between the panel and the containers.

12. (Original) The package of Claim 11 further comprising a pull tab extending from the line of weakness.



13. (Original) The package of Claim 11 wherein the panel is flush and flat with respect to the containers to display product information when the package is in a static condition and the panel is inverted with respect to the containers when the package is carried.

14. (Original) A package of a plurality of bottles comprising:  
a planar sheet of a flexible plastic material having a plurality of container receiving openings arranged in a longitudinal row, each container receiving opening engaging a bottle;

a panel extending transversely and downwardly from the longitudinal row of container receiving openings; and

a handle formed of an elongated aperture positioned along an outer periphery of the panel so that when the package is lifted, the panel inverts upwardly

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so that the bottles are carried at an angle between approximately 30° and 75° with respect to horizontal.

15. (Original) The package of Claim 14 further comprising an adhesive label applied to the panel.


16. (Original) The package of Claim 14 further comprising a line of weakness extending between the panel and the bottles, the line of weakness tearable to permit removable of each bottle from within the respective container receiving openings.

17. (Original) The package of Claim 14 comprising two or more bottles, each between 1 and 2 liters.

18. (Original) The package of Claim 14 further comprising:  
a weakened area positioned between the panel and the longitudinal row of container receiving openings, the weakened area for generating a sharp crease when the panel is inverted.

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19. (New) The carrier of Claim 5 wherein that the plurality of containers are carried at an angle between approximately 30° and 75° with respect to horizontal.

 20. (New) A package of a plurality of bottles unitized with a carrier constructed of a planar sheet of a flexible plastic material, the package comprising:

a plurality of container receiving openings arranged in a longitudinal row, each container receiving opening engaging a bottle of the plurality of bottles;

a panel extending transversely and downwardly from the longitudinal row, wherein the panel extends from an area below a top and above a vertical midpoint of each bottle of the plurality of bottles; and

a handle positioned along an outer periphery of the panel, wherein the handle is positioned in the panel so that when the handle is lifted, the panel is inverted.

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